

## Interconnected Transmission Systems Agreement

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Council Action Required?	Yes	If YES, within the next 3 months?	
		Yes	
Public Hearing Required?	No		
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### Summary Statement

This legislation would authorize City Light to execute an agreement with the Bonneville Power Administration (“BPA”) to consolidate, clarify and document the details pertaining to the ownership and operation of the existing physical interconnections between the transmission systems of the two parties. The proposed agreement documents existing interconnections and current business practices. It does not require City Light to assume any new responsibilities beyond making an effort to confer with BPA (at least annually) to confirm the accuracy of the documentation.

### Background

During the past two years, staff members of several divisions of City Light (Energy Delivery Engineering, Energy Delivery Operations, System Operations, NERC Compliance, Power Production, Environmental Affairs, Customer Care and Power Management) have engaged in discussions with representatives of BPA Transmission Services to consolidate, clarify and document the details of the existing physical interconnections between the transmission systems of the two parties. City Light and BPA are currently interconnected at 19 locations, 12 of which are in the greater Puget Sound area. These interconnections between BPA and City Light were built over a period of more than 50 years pursuant to construction and operation agreements that are either obsolete, lacking details, or have expired. Both City Light and BPA staffs felt it would be mutually beneficial to gather and enhance detailed documentation about these interconnections in order to clearly identify where changes of ownership occur and to clarify line maintenance and vegetation management responsibilities.

### Key Issues

The proposed agreement will not affect City Light’s budget.

### Next Steps

Execute agreement.